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... BY WAY OF DECEPTION ... INFILTRATION ...

The addiction to the multi-billion dollar Holocaust-Shoah racket/industry also proves to be a continuous expensive deception paid for by whom?

Hollywood conservative unmasked as notorious Holocaust revisionist

Republican Party Animals operator David Stein says he is really David Cole, and that he still holds controversial views Rory Carroll in Los Angeles, guardian.co.uk, Friday 3 May 2013 22.15 BST

To those who knew him, or thought they knew him, he was a cerebral, fun-loving gadfly who hosted boozy gatherings for Hollywood's political conservatives. David Stein brought right-wing congressmen, celebrities, writers and entertainment industry figures together for shindigs, closed to outsiders, where they could scorn liberals and proclaim their true beliefs.



David Cole Photograph: guardian.co.uk

Over the past five years Stein's organisation, Republican Party Animals, drew hundreds to regular events in and around Los Angeles, darling making him а conservative blogs and talkshows. That he made respected documentaries on the Holocaust added intellectual cachet and Jewish support to Stein's cocktail of politics, irreverence and rock and

There was just one problem. Stein was not who he claimed. His real

name can be revealed for the first time publicly - a close circle of confidants only found out the truth recently - as David Cole. And under that name he was once a reviled Holocaust revisionist who questioned the existence of Nazi gas changed chambers. He identities in January 1998.

"That was when David Cole officially expired," he told the Guardian in an interview this week. "That was the end of Cole. Or so I thought. That was when David Stein was brought into this world.

For 15 years I have been David Stein. Now the genie is out of the bottle. I'm done. I'm finished. I'm not going to try to remain as David Stein.

Cole's brazen reinvention as a social networker and political pundit deceived a roll-call of conservative politicians, filmmakers, journalists and broadcasters who had no clue about his past. A falling out with a friend led to his unmasking in his social circle two weeks ago, when a group of former supporters was shown YouTube clips of Cole's until then incendiary and forgotten - television appearances in the early 1990s.

As a combative twentysomething with tousled black hair, he was a vilified guest on chat shows hosted by Phil Donahue, Montel Williams and Morton Downey, among others, and was depicted as a neo-Nazi on news shows such as 60 Minutes and 48 Hours.

"My friends are horrified," said Cole, now aged 44 and with greying hair. "They rang and emailed to ask if it really was me. The Hollywood types are the ones hurting the most right now because they could be harmed by this. I'm feeling a certain amount of guilt."

The unmasking shocked and tight-knit angered the small, community of Hollywood conservatives, their settina Facebook groups ablaze and prompting emergency meetings.

Some of Stein/Cole's erstwhile friends are media figures with blogs, newspaper columns and syndicated radio shows. They put a lid on the story. Not a word has been published or broadcast. "When people found out it was, 'Oh my God, get the fuck away from him.' There was debate about whether everyone would look guilty by association," said one entertainment industry artist, a member of Republican Animals, who requested anonymity. "The reason we were all so pissed at him is it plays into every horrible stereotype about the right."

Cole, and the half-dozen former friends and acquaintances

interviewed for this article, stress that no one suspected his secret and that no one should be tarred with his views.

An additional reason for trying to contain the story, said the artist, was to deprive Cole of further limelight. "No one wants to give him the satisfaction of making him feel grander than he really was."

Cole, who insists he is a genuine conservative, said his betrayal would sting all the more because conservatives in Hollywood are a "persecuted minority" who must hide their political convictions from the intolerant liberals who dominate the industry:

I don't blame them for jettisoning me. Everyone is scared to death. They don't want this to range beyond Facebook.

Cole agreed to meet the Guardian in order to give his side of the story. He was rueful at being outed and wry about his future. "I don't expect many people at my birthday party this year," he said.

Born in 1968 in Los Angeles to liberal. secular-minded Jewish parents, Cole's father, Leon, was a doctor who became controversial for introducing Elvis Presley to Demerol. "He was accused of hooking Elvis on drugs, of killing Elvis." Cole did not go to university - "I wanted to begin working" - but by the 1980s he had become fascinated by political ideology, especially the work of fringe scholars known then as Holocaust revisionists, subsequently renamed denialists.

He became convinced that on some points they were right and that as a Jew, he would undertake a quixotic quest to "correct" the historical record, arguing that Auschwitz was not an extermination camp in the manner of Treblinka, Sobibor, Belzac and Chelmno – which he acknowledged were part of a genocidal programme against Polish Jews; that the Holocaust ended in 1943, when the Nazis realised they needed Jewish slave labour for factories; and that there was no

overarching, genocidal plan, but an evolving, morphing policy which claimed perhaps 4 million, rather than 6 million, Jewish lives.

The young Cole became a notorious celebrity, the turncoat Jew, ferried from studio to studio, gleefully clashing with historians and Jewish representatives. However he grew uneasy when white supremacists and Islamic radicals appropriated his "work", he said, and he halted public appearances after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Another factor was a death threat from the <u>Jewish Defense League</u>, a militant, violent group. In January 1998, wanting to start anew, Cole wrote a letter to the <u>JDL</u>, recanting his views.

The threat was lifted. Cole, his credibility shredded on all sides, adopted the name Stein, chosen because it was simple and short, he said. Only a few close friends knew the secret.

'I haven't changed my views'

The recanting was fake, he said. Cole today still challenges established Holocaust scholarship, including the certainty about Nazi gas chambers. "The best guess is yes, there were gas chambers" he says. "But there is still a lot of murkiness about the camps. I haven't changed my views. But I regret I didn't have the facility with language that I have now. I was just a kid," he said this week.

As Stein, however, he shielded his views, not least during the next stage of his career odyssey: the maker of respectable, conventional Holocaust documentaries. He knew the subject, needed an income and US schools and universities had budgets to commission such projects. He said: "I gave mainstream audiences what they wanted."

At the same time, he started writing op-eds under Stein and other pseudonyms, expressing what he said was his growing fervour for a hawkish foreign policy, a strong Israel and conservative social policy. Posts on his acerbic blog

were picked up by mainstream news outlets.

When Barack Obama was elected president in 2008, Cole sensed opportunity. Inspired by the writer PJ O'Rourke's brand of rollicking, liquor-fuelled conservativism, he said he launched Republican Party Animals, a networking circle for libertarians and social conservatives which promised spice – "scantily-clad women, drink, fun, loud music" – but not too much. There would be no cocaine or illegality.

"Do you like your conservative politics mixed with a healthy dose of whiskey, fine cigars and kickass rock n' roll?" its website asked. "Do you live in a city filled with morons wearing Che T-shirts as they mindlessly cling to tattered, faded 2008 'Hope and Change' posters? Then WELCOME, friend – this is the group for you!" Blog posts assailed Obama, Occupy protestors and alleged anti-semites.

It was a hit. Congressmen such as <u>Thaddeus McCotter</u> and <u>Mike Kelly</u> attended events, as did neo-con luminaries such as <u>Frank Gaffney</u>.

A 2011 summer bash off Hollywood Boulevard included Larry Elder, a syndicated radio host; Bill Whittle, a commentator and screenwriter; Stephen Kruiser, a comedian; Lloyd Lee Barnett, a visual effects artist for Avatar; Nick Searcy, an actor; and William Sachs, a director. Other Hollywood guests kept their attendance at such events discreet, to avoid the conservative label.

Cole's mistake, he said, was to confide his secret to a friend with whom he fell out. The friend went "nuclear" and outed him to their conservative circle.

Besieged by followers demanding answers, Cole last week shut down much of his online presence and retreated from view. A <u>farewell note on his blog</u> announced the end of his involvement with Republican Party Animals, saying he had been "assassinated" by "an exceptionally vindictive young lady". The note did not elaborate or confess his deception.

Former friends and acquaintances, most speaking on condition of anonymity, challenged elements of Cole's account to the Guardian and called him pathologically duplicitous, alleging he padded his film resume on the IMDb database with fictitious entries. His purported production company, Nistarim, is Hebrew for The Concealed.

Scott Edwards, an Oregon-based businessman, said he founded Republican Party Animals in 2009 and that Cole, claiming to be a Hollywood bigshot, took over the website and was involved in organising just a few events. "He never ran the group. Things started happening behind the scenes so I kicked him out in February 2012." Cole, however, continued controlling the website, networking and organising events under the Republican Party Animals banner until last month.

Holocaust experts and Jewish groups who remembered Cole from the 1990s expressed astonishment that he had resurfaced and still professed Holocaust revisionism.

Michael Shermer, a historian who publishes *Skeptic* magazine, said Cole's views on the the Holocaust were simplistic and appeared designed to stir controversy.

Shermer debated and interviewed Cole several times in his youth. "I found him to be very smart and on some level likeable, though a little irritating.

But he was too smart for his own good. He had no training as a historian. I had the impression he liked to stir things up just for the hell of it, to be a contrarian for contrarian's sake.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said Cole's views on the Holocaust could no longer be attributed to youthful naivete. "I'm very disappointed that someone who abused his Jewishness to get his five minutes of notoriety still stands by his lies. It's disgusting and puts him in the camp of bigotry."

Comment by: ture 04 May 2013 6:49am

As someone who is not a holocaust denier but believes in free speech this article is very disturbing. So what if this guy has got the historical facts about the holocaust wrong ? In a free society individuals have the right to believe in any historical nonsense and if we as a society deny people that right we cannot claim to live in a society with freedom of speech.

The link in the article to the Jewish Defense League shows that these people are terrorists in the same way as Muslims who want to murder Danish cartoonist. These people are the real enemies to our society. Not people like Cole

From the JDL site:

Just as we must get rid of this monster, Cole, we must also get rid of the word "revisionism" from our vocabulary. This awful word and Cole, too, must be eliminated altogether. There is no argument. There needs to be no more debates, only the elimination of the Holocaust deniers.

This world would be a happier place, indeed, when all the Jew-baiters and Jew-haters have disappeared, especially the most vicious hater of them all, David Cole.

JDL wants to know the location of Holocaust denier David Cole, pictured above. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward. Contact us through e-mail immediately if you have information leading to the current location of David Cole. How despicable!

http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/ 2013/may/03/david-stein-coleholocaust-revisionist

Now the counter story presented in the public's interest:

Republican Party Animals group kicks out Holocaust denier infiltrator



Photo: Republican Party Animals Friday, May 3, 2013 - <u>The</u> <u>Tygrrrr Express</u> by <u>Eric Golub</u>



Eric Golub - Ask me a question. LOS ANGELES, May 3, 2013 —

The political social group "Republican Party Animals" was rocked by the discovery several days ago that somebody representing himself as the group's head was a long-time Holocaust denier.

The RPA bills itself as the "Drinking, smoking, gambling, cussing, and (blanking) wing of the GOP." Mix Republican Party politics with libertarian libertinism, shake, do not stir. Everybody had a right old time at these Los Angeles gatherings.

In late April, it was discovered that RPA "head" David Stein was actually a man named David Cole. <u>Cole has appeared in online videos espousing Holocaust revisionism</u>. After confirmation that Cole and Stein were indeed the same person, Cole (himself Jewish) refused to renounce his views denying the Holocaust.

A conflict of interest prevented me from covering the story immediately. My father is a Holocaust survivor, and the RPA's reputation matters to me.

Some insiders felt that going public would give Cole unnecessary attention, which he craves. Yet if Cole struck preemptively, that would be problematic.

On May 3rd, <u>Cole did indeed take</u> <u>himself public with an article in the</u> <u>Guardian</u>.

The media now has another baseball bat with which to beat conservatives over the head. They presume that anything negative said about conservatives is true and silence is taken as acquiescence. Cole had his say, now let us tell the truth.

The RPA was formed by Scott "Big Daddy" Edwards, a Portland, Oregon man devoted to principles of political conservatism and hearty socializing. While Stein (Cole) represented himself as the head of the RPA, this was never the case.

Stein helped out with administrative functions, but Edwards was and is the head of the RPA. Edwards kicked Stein off of the board in February of 2012 due to what can euphemistically be described as "financial wrongdoing."

Stein continued holding monthly social gatherings, occasionally with guest speakers. I was in discussions with Stein to be the June speaker.

Not one other person who attended RPA functions knew that Stein was Cole. Not one of them knew about his odious and thoroughly discredited views. **Upon learning of his true identity, many RPA attendees immediately renounced him.** Even those offering tepid support simply wanted to hear his side of the story.

He gave the worst of his videos at age 23. He is now 45, but any chance of redemption fell by the wayside when he refused to recant and disavow his views. He went into hiding, and it was unanimous that he was not somebody any of us would ever socialize with again.

As much as the media would like to make this a story about Republicans embracing anti-Semitism, nothing could be further from the truth.

If anything, this entire ugly episode shows that these Republicans stand up for what is right. We stood on principle. When conservatives see bad behavior, we condemn it.

David Stein fooled everybody. In all the time he attended RPA functions, he never once spoke about anything other than Republican politics and getting drunk. There was no way any of us could have known that this Jewish guy with the nasally voice was a complete liar and a fraud.

In the coming days there will be other stories dedicated to the real David Cole. Some of these stories will be by told by his victims. Others will come from leftists looking to indict all conservatives with a broad brush dripping in toxic paint.

The decision to handle this as an internal matter can be debated ad nauseum. National security was not at stake, and the RPA attendees were innocent victims with nothing to hide except embarrassment at being scammed by an expert scammer.

The only thing that matters is that when a bunch of Republicans were confronted with evil, they immediately did the right thing. They renounced it, ostracized it, and purged it from their midst.

I remain as proud to be associated with the Republican Party Animals as I am to be a member of the Jewish faith. It is David Cole's own fault that he betrayed both of those great gifts bestowed upon him

The Republican Party Animals remain the best right-of-center group in America today. For those who love to have fun and despise bigotry in any and all forms, pull up a chair, grab a cold one, and join us.

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... here's another Stein, sorry, Stone story blogging on Twitter, which is the latest free Introduction Agency where, where what?

D-cup or Deception?

SidneyAnne Stone Freelance Writer, Breast Cancer Survivor and Activist

[- perhaps too young to be a Holocaust survivor but just right to be a child of Holocaust survivors?]

Posted: 05/04/2013 10:14 am

In a world filled with false eyelashes, push-up bras, fake nails, fake tans and (at the risk of being hated by women everywhere) *Spanx, are we really just creating an "imaginary" self? A mirage if you will -- a false image of ourselves that we are presenting to the world as fact.

Everyone likes to look good but have we crossed a line into deception that may not easily be uncrossed? It has always seemed odd to me to elongate our nails and lashes while tucking in our tummies and lifting our breasts with the end game being... what? Sex? Well, most people do that naked. In which case, there will be no hiding behind Spanx or being pushed up by a "miraculous" bra. All the

smoke in mirrors will come to a screeching halt.

That is when the feelings of betrayal kick in -- and rightfully so! In marketing, this would be considered false advertising. Things were not as they appeared. Does that make the person who finally discovered these undeniable truths a jerk if they walk away? Maybe. However, you did deceive them and they have a right to be upset. Some women think their feminine wiles will be enough to distract their mate from their dishonesty and perhaps that will be the case but it doesn't really take away from the trickery you used to get them there. They know they've been suckered. They may be willing to accept it but they are likely not happy about the situation. Their unhappiness most often does not stem from your lack of perfection but rather your lack of honesty and confidence.

There is nothing sexier than a woman who is comfortable in her own skin! No one is perfect and no one expects you to be. It is far stranger to be with someone that you are afraid to touch for fear of messing up their hair or makeup. Who wants to date a walking museum? Any boyfriend I have ever had has always preferred the way I look first thing in the morning, no makeup on, looking like (what I would consider) a hot mess. It may not always be pretty but it is real and it is important to know that what you see is what you get. You're not fooling anyone. If you're

proud to be you, they'll be proud to be with you!

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* Spanx, Inc. is an Atlanta, Georgia, based hosiery company founded in 2000 that mainly manufactures pantyhose and other undergarments

for women, and since 2010 for men. Spanx specializes in "body shaping" undergarments and bodysuit shapewear, intended to give the wearer a slim and shapely appearance.

Third person charged in Viking investigation over obtaining financial advantage by deception

By: Jon Kaila jon.kaila@news.com.au May 02, 20132:40PM

POLICE have charged a third person in its investigation into the collapse of the Viking Group of companies.

A 51-year-old man, from Glen Waverley, was arrested by Fraud and Extortion Squad detectives this morning. He was charged with:

- *OBTAINING a financial advantage by deception (\$12.15 million)
- *OBTAINING a financial advantage by deception (\$17.4 million)
- *OBTAINING a financial advantage by deception (\$4 million)

*ATTEMPTING to obtain a financial advantage by deception (\$53 million).

The company's former chief financial officer, Loukia Bariamis, 51, from Glen Waverley and Steve Iliopoulos, the 52-year-old chief executive of the trucking company from Point Cook, received the same charges in March over the same matter. "The Glen Waverley man was bailed by police and will appear at Melbourne Magistrates Court for

a filing hearing on 6 May," Sergeant Sharon Darcy said.

A plea hearing for Bariamis and Iliopoulos will be heard on May 27.

http://www.heraldsun.com.au/new s/law-order/third-person-chargedin-viking-investigation-overobtaining-financial-advantage-bydeception/story-fnat79vb-1226633933422

Delacombe man jailed over telco deception By PATRICK BYRNE, April 19, 2013, 9:30 p.m.

A DELACOMBE man invented a fictional hairdressing business in order to convince a local telecommunications company to provide him with mobile phones and tablet computers, a court heard yesterday.



The man and a co-accused also led the same company to believe they were from a Ballarat architectural company, before again attempting to get three new phones and an iPad.

Tannon Lloyd, 28, wiped away tears in Ballarat Magistrates Court

yesterday as he was sentenced to 18 months' jail.

Already serving time for other matters, Lloyd pleaded guilty to more than 20 charges, including burglary, shop theft and obtaining property by deception.

The court heard that, on October 10 last year, Lloyd contacted Vicwest Community Telco in Ballarat, saying he was from J O'Connol Hairdressing – a fake business – and needed three iPhones for the business

VICwest Community Telco provided Lloyd the phones, one of which he gave to a co-accused as payment for her part in picking the phones up.

Police prosecutor Senior Constable Clint Prebble said on another occasion Lloyd contacted Vicwest Community Telco, saying he was Peter Dunn from Morton Dunn Architects in Ballarat.

Senior Constable Prebble said Lloyd requested three phones and an iPad for the business. He was told he could collect them in Geelong.

However, Lloyd later fled from the Telco's Geelong business after an employee said she had contacted the real Peter Dunn, who had no knowledge of the transaction.

Lloyd's defence lawyer, Mike Wardell, said his client had been addicted to heroin since he was 25 and as a result had turned to crime to fund his habit.

Lloyd received 18 months jail with a non-parole period of 10 months and was ordered to pay \$3471 in restitution.

http://www.thecourier.com.au/stor y/1445025/delacombe-man-jailedover-telco-deception/?cs=62

Former Woodland fire chief, wife sentenced for theft by deception May 02, 2013 8:30 pm • By Leslie Slape / The Daily NEws

Shari Brentin will spend a year in prison for her role in defrauding an elderly Woodland woman out of

nearly \$24,000 in late 2011, Cowlitz

Superior Court Judge Michael Evans ruled Thursday. The sentence is four times harsher than the standard range.

Evans also sentenced Brentin's husband, former Woodland fire chief Tony Brentin, to six months in jail, twice the standard range. He

agreed with Deputy Prosecutor James Smith that Shari Brentin took a more direct role in the crime by actually bringing the victim, Suzanne Faveluke, to a credit union to withdraw the money.

A jury on March 25 found the couple guilty of first-degree theft by deception.

Evans allowed the couple a week to put their belongings in storage and make arrangements for their animals. They must report to the Cowlitz County Jail by noon May 8. Evans denied their attorneys' motion for an appeal bond, so the Brentins will stay in jail while their case is under appeal.

The Brentins waived their right to address the court during the sentencing hearing.

Before passing sentence, Evans said he read through letters from the Brentins' numerous supporters in which words such as generous, kind, good, helpful and caring were liberally used to describe them.

He said he also noted the good works the couple have done in the community, and that they have no criminal history.

"I tend to agree: The Brentins have lived a good life," he said. "They're not the typical person I see in front of my court."

He speculated aloud that the Brentins were "good, upstanding leaders" who found themselves in "difficult financial straits." With Faveluke's reputation for generosity, "the temptation was there."

But Evans said he has "a lot of concern" about crime that preys on the elderly. Faveluke, 75, sat in the back row at the Brentins' sentencing but did not make a statement in court. Smith described her repeatedly Thursday as "vulnerable."

Prosecutors said Tony Brentin, 52, who retired from the Woodland Fire Department in 2009, got Faveluke to give him \$5,000 for his foundering Woodland City Council campaign, then spent the money on long-overdue rent. Brentin lost the election.

Shari Brentin, 48, was convicted of convincing Faveluke, an animal lover, that her cat was dying of cancer. Faveluke handed over thousands of dollars for care of Brentin's cat, Mr. Socks, which didn't have cancer.

http://tdn.com/news/local/formerwoodland-fire-chief-wifesentencedfortheftbydeception/article_d2e627 f8b38911e2a148001a4bcf887a.html

The long struggle of Chilean students against greed and deception

Santiago - The lasting protests of Chilean students claiming quality, not-for-profit education have nearly paralyzed Chile's education system. This article describes one example justifying the battle of youths against corporate greed and government neglect.

"Universidad del Mar" (UDM), a private University based in the city of Viña del Mar, was founded in 1989. With an aggressive expansion plan, within a few years it extended operations to 15 branches in cities along the country. Complete with an inspiring motto in Latin "Ad Augusta Per Angusta" (Through difficulties to greatness), and the offer of ostentatious facilities, UDM managed to attract over 20,000 students (and their families) who were willing to get heavily indebted in order to pay for hefty tuition fees. Within a few years UDM became the third largest Chilean

By <u>Igor I. Solar</u>, May 3, 2013 in <u>World</u> University in number of students | On

enrolled.

The University had received accreditation by Chile's National Accreditation Commission (CNA), and most of the teaching staff held post-graduate degrees; however, proficiency evaluation at national level demonstrated that 94 percent of the students from Universidad del Mar graded at the "insufficient" level. Moreover, a national ranking of universities published in 2011 ranked UDM 51 among 53 Chilean universities. Additionally, in 2012, the National Consumer Service (SERNAC) received against UDM the highest number of complaints (41/1000 students) οf universities, of which UDM attended to 7.1 percent, while ignoring 88.5 Over time, students became aware that everything was a shameless fraud. The tuition rates were high. The quality of education was dismal.

On April 2012, Raul Urrutia was appointed by UDM owners as the new President. Fifty days later he resigned his post after finding out the owners prioritized payments to their own real estate companies while maintaining a huge debt on salaries and pension contributions for academics and other university staff. It was also discovered that the University's accreditation had been obtained through payments of hefty bribes to a UDM "consultant" who was also a National member οf the Accreditation Commission.

The academic image of UDM crumbled. Investigations revealed that the university was a face for about 85 related companies, many of them in the real estate business, most of which belonged to the principal investors and controllers of UDM. The owners of UDM were also owners of the many buildings used by the university, which UDM

rented at outrageously inflated values.

Other businesses, also owned by the UDM managers, included a large number of service providers ranging from property management, to maintenance, sales, furniture information technology, travel agencies, and so on. Money collected from the students, including public funds in the form of student subsidies (Indirect State Contribution), were being transferred to the pockets of UDM controllers through the related companies by paying for rentals and services at costs several times above market value.

Some high ranking UDM academics lacked the required credentials for the post they occupied. One such case was Tania González. Tania was a high school biology teacher who, through personal contacts at UDM, became the Head of the university's Department of Health, supervising and teaching in the academic programs of Nutrition, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Paramedic and Midwifery Nursing. Ms. González had managed to obtain fake identity documents and a counterfeit University Diploma from Chile's top University that certified her as a Medical Surgeon.

Once the irregularities and deceptions of UDM were discovered, most of the UDM principals, including the owners, the "UDM-CNA consultant" and the spurious Medical Surgeon, Head of the University's Health Department, ended up in jail or under house arrest.

Obviously, the fraudulent UDM lost its deceitful accreditation. December 2012, its legal status was revoked, the corporation was declared bankrupt, and a date was set for its termination. On January 2013, the students took over the University Headquarters (UDM-HQ) in Viña del Mar and since then they have maintained control of the facilities. Their demands are justified; however, there is little chance that they may be able to

achieve a solution. They feel they are deceived victims of corporate greed and the lack of control and supervision of the government authorities over an educational system that for decades has allowed and often promoted the creation of illegitimate educational institutions, and the operation of those with a profit-driven mentality. Although the occupation of the UDM-HQ continues, the initial commitment of the student leaders and supporters is slowly waning. Apparently, their resolve gradually subsiding, now victims of disillusionment and despair. Their protests and the struggle for possible solutions seem to be coming to an end.



Main building of Universidad del Mar in Viña del Mar, Chile, has been occupied by protesting students since January 2013. The banner on the left of the picture reads: "Victims' takeover"



A section of the University's main building showing colourful murals painted by the students occupying the building.



Chairs and benches block the access to the University building taken over by the students protesting corruption and profit-driven operation of Universidad del Mar.



Staiways to upper floors of the Universidad del Mar building are blocked by the occupying students using classroom furniture.



Universidad del Mar occupied by students. The writing on the wall says: "Incompetent Government; Long live the student"



Signs in support of the student's takeover were painted on the walls in the access to the University's main building.

http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/349396

Amsterdam's drag queens rival Maxima

AAP, May 01, 20135:01AM

CAMP, heavily made-up and scantily-clad, Dutch drag queens partied in Amsterdam as King Willem-Alexander was enthroned, showing the world that his Argentine wife Maxima was not the only queen in town.

The Netherlands was in 2001 the first country to legalise gay marriage, and city authorities invited ProGay, which organises the Gay Pride parade, to have a boat in a regal flotilla on Amsterdam's Ij river.

"The world's press is here today, it's a dream opportunity to show that we're not ashamed of who we are," Lulu Hazard told AFP, wearing a stunning blue hairdo, leather jacket, orange T-shirt and red heels.Next to her, a companion wearing a revealing orange leopardskin mini-skirt, stamps her feet

with impatience before the colourful and festive boat sets sail.

She declined to give her name, saying "the only thing that counts is that I'm queen today."

A total of 88 representatives of the Dutch Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual (LGTB) community, including eight drag-queens, will sail alongside the royal vessel on the Ij, closing the day's ceremonies.

Around 250 boats are taking part, chosen to represent the Netherlands' very broad society. Those on the ProGay boat are bursting with pride at being on the official guest list. "The fact that we're drag queens is obviously also a nod to Maxima, she's not the only queen of the day," smiled Lulu Hazard.

Queen Beatrix, 75, a princess since she abdicated on Tuesday, has also been

honoured. On Monday evening a queen dressed up as Beatrix, wearing a purple skirt and with a Beatrix-like helmet-shaped hairdo, drew a lot of attention in an Amsterdam neighbourhood that is home to several gay bars.

"Your majesty! Your majesty!" shouted an accompanying group of drag queens wearing orange and black tights and miniskirts. "Oh, my dear subjects," the queen replied, feigning a swoon.

http://www.theaustralian.com.au/ news/breaking-news/amsterdamsdrag-queens-rival-maxima/storyfn3dxix6-1226632716798

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Subject: Mazur says: 'Another lie from Israel's controlled MEMRI website'

Iranian Officials:

Iran Transferred Fajr-5 Missiles To Gaza, Which Were Fired At Israel

Iranian officials recently publicly acknowledged that Iran had sent military aid to Palestinians in Gaza, specifically Fajr-5 missiles with a range of up to 80 km, and expressed satisfaction with the damage they had caused to Israel during Operation Pillar of Defense in November 2012.

Following are statements by Iranian and Palestinian Islamic Jihad officials confirming the transfer of Fajr-5 missiles from Iran to Gaza:

Iranian Officials: Iran Transferred Fajr Missiles To The Palestinians Khamenei Advisor Velayati: Our Fajr-5 Sent Three Million Israelis To Bomb Shelters

In an April 16, 2013 speech to public officials in Khuzestan, southern Iran, Ali Akbar Velayati, advisor to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei for international affairs, said: "[Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader] Ramadan 'Abdallah [Shalah] said to me: 'We want to strike Tel Aviv with Fajr-5 missiles,' [but] one of the revolutionaries in North Africa said: 'You can strike any place you want but not

Tel Aviv.' But we did it, and three million Zionists ran to bomb shelters in fear."[1]

In a February 8 speech in Qom, Velayati made similar statements: "We saw how the Palestinians managed to drag three million Israelis to bomb shelters and to target Tel Aviv with the extremely simple [Fajr] missiles given to them by Iran."[2]

Khamenei's Representative In The IRGC: Iran Gave Fajr-5 Missiles To The Palestinians

In a February 11, 2013 speech marking Revolution Day, in Kermanshah, western Iran, Ali Saeedi, Khamenei's representative in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), stated: "What solved Gaza's problem are the Fajr-5 missiles that Iran gave as a gift [to the Palestinians]."[3]

Majlis Member: Iran Sent 50,000 Missiles To Gaza

At a November 2012 Basij conference in Mashhad, Majlis member Javad Karimi, a former IRGC official, said: "We sent the besieged Gaza 50,000 missiles and thousands of anti-tank rockets, because if we do not defend [Gaza], we will suffer casualties in the streets of Mashhad."[4] He added: "Launching Fajr-5 missiles at the center of Tel Aviv attests to a major victory in the conflict over Palestine in favor of the Iranian nation, and allowed Iran to once again prove its strength to the world. These 50,000 Fajr missiles show the crucial role Iran played in Gaza's victory."[5]

Kayhan: The Resistance's Launch Of Fajr-5 Missiles Proves That Iran Arms Shi'ites As Well As Sunnis

On November 17, 2012, the daily Kayhan, which is close to Khamenei, claimed: "The launch of missiles like the Fajr-5 [at Israel] by 'the Islamic resistance' [in Gaza] shows that Iran supports the Islamic resistance front and completely disregards the artificial conflict between Shi'ites and Sunnis." [6]

Majlis Official: We Provided The Palestinians With The Weapons They Required

At an April 21, 2013 meeting in Damascus with representatives from the 14 Palestinian resistance factions, Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Chairman Ala Al-Din Boroujerdi said: "We were unafraid to say that we provided the Palestinian factions [in Gaza] with the weapons they required."[7]

A report by the Iranian broadcast authority (IRIB) noted specifically that Boroujerdi was referring to Fajr-5 missiles.[8]



Launch of a Fajr-5 missile[9] Iranian Website: Reports On Supplying Fajr-5 To The Palestinians Could Spell Trouble For Regime

The Iranian website Asr-e Iran criticized Iranian media reports that Iran supplied Hamas with Fajr-5 missiles. It said that these reports could spell legal and political trouble for the regime and could be used as evidence in lawsuits against Hamas, Lebanon, and Iran in Western courts: "There are already dozens of cases against Iran in courts in the U.S., Europe, and other Western countries, some of which are at the stage of delivering a verdict and of sentencing Iran to pay tens and sometimes even hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to survivors of incidents like a bombings in Palestine and Lebanon. In most cases, the excuse for these verdicts is Iran's alliance with, support for, and arming of organizations such as Hizbullah in Lebanon and Hamas in Palestine. Therefore, even if Iran did indeed give Fajr-5 missiles to Hamas, under current circumstances when the regime is not confirming this, there is no need for media attention..."[10]

Islamic Jihad Officials: The Fajr-3 and Fajr-5 Missiles Sent To Us From Iran Have Changed The Equation

Islamic Jihad leaders also publicly acknowledged that Iran was supplying missiles and ammunition to Gaza:

Islamic Jihad Leader Ramadan Shalah: Iran Is Our Main Weapons Supplier

Palestinian Islamic Jihad Ramadan Shalah said that despite differences of opinion between Islamic Jihad Iran in the matter of the Syrian crisis, Iran is providing military and financial aid to his organization: "Even if we have disagreements with Iran regarding the situation in Syria... With regard to Palestine, we are in complete agreement with Iran. Iran has given us all the aid and all the support. The weapons that are fighting the Israeli aggression and arrogance in Palestine come mainly from Iran, as the entire world knows. This is no secret. These are either Iranian weapons or weapons financed by Iran."[11]

Islamic Jihad Deputy Leader Ziyad Nakhala: Our Weapons, And Hamas's, Are Iranian

Asked in a television interview "Are you firing the Fajr-3 and Fajr-5 missiles? Do you have these missiles?" Islamic Jihad deputy leader Ziyad Nakhala replied: "We received these missiles from our allies and brothers in the Islamic Republic. They have generally given us these missiles, exerting great effort. These missiles have changed the equation in this conflict."[12]

In a different interview, on Al-Manar TV, Nakhala said: "The weapons of the resistance, and even Hamas's weapons, are Iranian weapons, from the first bullet to the [last] missile. Even the manufacture [of these weapons] is local to Iran."[13]

Islamic Jihad Official Khaled Al-Batsh: Our Fajr-3 And Fajr-5 Missiles – 100% Iranian

Asked in an Al-Mayadeen TV interview, "Are the Fajr-5 missiles produced locally or brought from outside Palestinian lands?" Islamic Jihad official Khaled Al-Batsh answered: "These missiles are 100% Iranian made, and are part of the legitimate aid that the Islamic Republic provides to the Palestinian people. This is well known and was announced in the media."[14]

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want the brigades to obey Iran's orders [even] if some day certain countries want to buy the leaders of Palestine."

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Michael Mazur comments:

As you see from the below pictorial representation it is a bigger lie than the earlier years' long allegations about Qassam and Grad rockets.

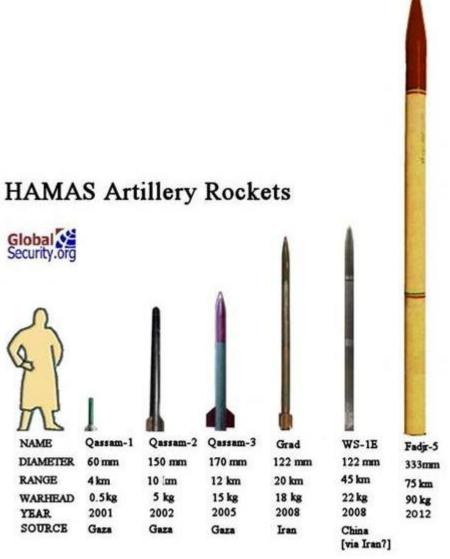
How could something as huge as a Fajr 5, dedicated truck mounted, get into Gaza without the Israelis noticing? It can't.

The Jews know that few will take the trouble to do a little research. While I'm here, there were no rockets or missiles of any description launched out of Gaza during Operation Pillar of Cloud last November. None. I know.

The Jews claimed that six of their own had been killed as a result. That was a lie. I knew none had been killed.

The other day they claimed that two of their own had been killed. That too was a lie.

None had been killed.



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Number of Iranian presidential hopefuls passes 20

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More than 20 hopefuls have so far announced their bids to join the race to succeed President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Press TV reports.

The prospective candidates from different political factions have been holding question and answer sessions and meetings with influential figures weeks before the official registration begins for the June 14 election.

The main rivals are once again the Reformists and the Principalists. But at the moment there are many different political groups and presidential hopefuls on each side. In order to understand the political scene it is important to understand the main difference between these two," political analyst Saeed Ajorlou told Press TV on Monday.

The famous Principalists likely to run for the presidency are Tehran Mayor Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf, former longest-serving Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Velayati, former health minister Kamran Baqeri-Lankarani as well as a number of lawmakers including Vice Speaker of Majlis Mohammad-Hassan Aboutorabi-Fard, Gholam-Ali Haddad-Adel and Ali-Reza Zakani.

Former first Vice-President Mohammad-Reza Aref and former Minister of Commerce Mohammad Shariatmadari are the most famous Reformists to announce their bids.

Secretary of the Expediency Council Mohsen Rezaei, who is also a former chief of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), has said he will run on an independent ticket.

hopefuls have unanimously criticized the economic policies of the incumbent president, vowing to bring the economy back on the right track should they win the race to Pasteur, a neighborhood in downtown Tehran where the presidential office is located. Hopefuls can register from May 7 to 11 for the country's 11th presidential election, which will be held on June 14. The president of Iran is elected for a four-year term in a national election and Guardian Council vets candidates for qualifications.

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Dinner with the Romanovs

A member of Russia's deposed royal family visits Jerusalem and finds kinship in the Jewish search for home and homeland

By Matti Friedman May 2, 2013, 1:41 pm



Prince Dimitri Romanov (center) and his wife, Princess Dorrit, in Jerusalem last week. On the right is former ambassador Danny Ayalon. (photo credit: Courtesy of Hila Solomon/Spoons)

A participant at a recent genteel dinner in Jerusalem could not help being reminded of the scene from "Fiddler on the Roof" in which the rabbi of Anatevka answers a congregant asking if there is a special blessing for the czar of Russia. Of course, answers the rabbi. "May God bless and keep the czar... far away from us!"

Nearby sat Dimitri Romanov — one of those Romanovs — a towering and gracious 87-year-old prince.

After dinner, Romanov mused about his own history and that of Israel, where he had just arrived for the first time, and about the nature of statelessness.

Prince Dimitri Romanov was born in 1926, 8 years after Bolshevik revolutionaries murdered the last czar of Russia and his family at Ekaterinburg and threw their bodies into an abandoned mine shaft. The surviving Romanov duchesses and grand dukes and the rest of the extended royal family, including Dimitri's father, Prince Roman Petrovich, fled Russia, never to return.

Romanov and his wife, Princess Dorrit, who wore an elegant salmon dress and golden slippers, were early in a 36-hour sojourn in the country, part of a round-the-world journey on a cruise ship called the Seaborne Quest. They were being given a whirlwind tour of which the dinner — at an unmarked and luxurious

establishment called Spoons, near Montefiore's windmill — was part. There was Tuscan cabbage, Israeli wine, superb Jerusalem artichoke soup, and candlesticks the size of modest missile silos.

Romanov admitted he had not formed much of an impression of the country in the several hours that had elapsed since his arrival. He was surprised at how green it was, he said, and how hilly: "I always thought it would be more flat."

Jerusalem is not entirely foreign to a Romanov visitor. The attractions before dinner included a visit to the grave of a relative, Elizabeth Feodorovna, the last czar's sister-in-law and a Russian Orthodox saint, at a church on the Mount of Olives. (Among the city's other Romanov-era relics is a building downtown known as Sergei's Courtyard, which was built for Russian pilgrims and named for Grand Duke Sergei, brother of Czar Alexander III.)

Born in France and raised across Europe and, for a time, in Alexandria, the prince is a great-great-grandson of the reactionary Czar Nicholas I, who died in 1855. Romanov spent his life, however, not as royalty but as a banker. As a young man, he recalled, he never had much interest in the complexities of the Romanov lineage, less a family tree than a chaotic forest of intersecting and competing lines linked in bewildering

ways to the other active and defunct royal houses of Europe. "I was totally uninterested to know who the Princess of Baden Baden was," he said. This disinterest also means the prince does not know what number he is in line for the British throne; his wife says he is "around 2,000th."

Romanov returned to the country his family ruled for centuries for the first time only after the fall of Communism, when he was in his 60s.

"For me, 'returning' to Russia is a misnomer — I can't return to a country I never visited before," he said.



Prince Dimitri Romanov's greatgreat-grandfather, Tsar Nicholas I, who died in 1855 (photo credit: Wikimedia Commons)

He has lived half of his life in Copenhagen, but until 23 years ago he

held no citizenship at all. Then a friend suggested that he finally become a Danish citizen — "You'll feel at home," she promised. This friend, Margaret, was the queen of Denmark, so he obliged.

"It's important to be a citizen of something, like a Jew who comes from Yemen or Morocco and comes here and becomes a citizen — it's important to be a part of society. I felt that in Denmark for the first time in my life," he said.

During the main course, talk turned to Jewish history and the prince was reminded of a visit he once made to Warsaw, where he was touched by the story of the Jewish partisans who took part in the uprising in that city's ghetto during WWII. He proposed a toast to them.

"I thought I must express my feelings about these young people fighting Nazism, dreaming that one day those who lived would come back to Israel," he said afterward.

Of course, he noted, they had never actually been to Israel. "How can you go back if you've never been?" he wondered. "I suppose it's in your blood."

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Member of a Jewish Holocaust 'Revenge Squad' Tells Story



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More than 100 American soldiers – all of them quite elderly now – who liberated Nazi concentration camps at the end of World War II gathered in Washington, DC this week. They were there to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The veterans met survivors of the Nazi genocide and shared their stories. The World's Middle East Correspondent Matthew Bell recently met someone with a unique Holocaust story that he was somewhat reluctant to talk about. It's a story about revenge.

The Holocaust has become so important to Israel's identity, it seems hardly a day goes by in this country without some reference to the Shoah – or catastrophe – as it's known in Hebrew.

Students at a Jerusalem high school took part in their annual ceremony on Holocaust Memorial Day in early April. This is where I met Yossi Cohen. He's an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor, born in Lithuania.

He was at the school to speak with kids about the Holocaust. But he didn't share his whole story. Because Yossi Cohen – not his real name, by the way – was part of a "Nakam" – or vengeance – group in post-war Europe.

Even after Germany surrendered, its members were still plotting to kill Germans as an act of retribution for the deaths of millions of Jews.

At his apartment in a posh section of Tel Aviv, Cohen shows me an old photo taken near the end of the war. He's in uniform: A wool Lithuanian jacket, German cavalry officer's trousers, kneehigh Russian boots, and a German army belt, with an inscription on the silver buckle.

The inscription reads 'Gott mitt uns,' which means 'God is with us.' And there's a hole in the belt buckle.

"So, in this case, God was not with him, because I took the belt," Cohen said.

He took the belt, but when I asked if he took the shot that killed the German soldier wearing it, Cohen would not say. He wants to be careful talking about his past.

Cohen would only agree to an interview if we didn't use his real name. But when we sat down in his living room, he seemed keen to talk about the war. For him, it began suddenly in the summer of 1941. He had just graduated from high school in Vilnius, Lithuania. And that evening, he went a party and did some dancing.

Who did you dance with on the night that you graduated? I asked.

"One of my teachers," he said. "A young teacher, very good-looking. And it was an occasion to dance with her."

The next day, Cohen heard the sounds of war. Germany began its invasion of the Soviet Union. In Nazi-occupied Lithuania, the mass killing of Jews started right away.

Cohen and his family learned how to hide. With his parents and younger brother, Cohen moved between safe houses for a few months. Then, they entered the Jewish ghetto in Vilnius. He was 17. And naturally, Cohen said, he was eager to join the underground, the resistance.

"So, I was looking for somebody who would give me some kind of contact," Cohen said.

I asked him why he wanted to join the underground.

"To do something," he said. "To fight. Just to go, be taken and be killed? I mean, a young man?"

Cohen eventually joined the Jewish resistance. Helped collect weapons. He also taught people how to shoot. And he became a commander. When his mother found out, she asked him not to recruit his little brother. "Leave me one son," she told him.

But when the ghetto was liquidated a year later, Cohen was alone. His father had disappeared. His brother was sent to a concentration camp. His mother was sent off to the camps as well. Cohen escaped the ghetto and helped lead Partisan fighters living in the forest. I asked what he was feeling, did he

I asked what he was feeling, did he have a feeling of, 'vengeance'?
"Very much," he said. "Very strong.

Very strong. We could do a lot.

What did you want to do then? I asked. "We did everything," Cohen said.

And by 'everything,' Cohen means attacking German soldiers. Blowing up supply trains and burning bridges, sabotaging rail lines with help from the Soviet army.

But he said the desire for vengeance didn't go away, even after the defeat of Nazi Germany. In fact, it grew stronger for Cohen and some of his comrades as they learned the true scope of the Holocaust.

"We saw that something has to be done," he said. "You cannot pass on to the history without doing something."

Cohen said there needed to be some kind of reckoning. But here's where he gets stingy with details.

In 1946, Jewish revenge groups hatched a plan to poison the water supply in German cities. The aim was to kill Germans on the same scale that they killed Jews. Millions of them.

Cohen would not say if he was involved, though plenty of people volunteered he

said. But many Jewish leaders wanted strong, activist Jews to move to Palestine rather than focus on retribution.

"The Israeli Jews were not there," Cohen said. "And nobody who wasn't there and didn't live all these disasters couldn't think like us."

British writer Jonathan Freedland has researched Jewish revenge groups and he wrote a novel based on them called "The Final Reckoning." Freedland said there's a quixotic element to this chapter of Jewish history. But that doesn't diminish the profound moral outrage that motivated people like Yossi Cohen.

"I think they would have spoken for hundreds of thousands – if not millions of Jews – at that time, who didn't know what they were doing in their name, but nevertheless felt that same sense of outrage that this crime, which I think few people would dispute a description as the greatest crime in human history, this crime had gone fundamentally unpunished," Freedland said.

The plot to poison the water supply in German cities was ultimately foiled. But there was another incident, Cohen said.

It was at an American-run prison for German soldiers, known as 'Stalag 13.'
"Stalag 13 happened," Cohen said.

I asked if people were poisoned and if he knew who did it?

"Yes," Cohen said with a laugh.

When I asked Cohen if he was involved, he won't say. But here's how the story goes. A group of Jewish avengers found out where the bread was made for a prison holding German SS officers. They managed to infiltrate the bakery and poison one morning's batch of bread with arsenic. Jonathan Freedland said an Associated Press report from April 1946 said 1,900 German POWs fell ill.

"It's still never been verified how many SS men actually did die at Stalag 13," Freedland said. "Some say it was in the low 100s. Some people have put the figures as high as one thousand. But that was a very direct form of vengeance. These were SS men who had themselves perpetrated or participated in the murder of Jews and they were themselves killed. That was really the biggest ever vengeance operation in history. And

it was certainly the biggest ever pulled off by this group."

Before the start of the Holocaust memorial ceremony at the high school, I asked Yossi Cohen if the students knew about his involvement with the revenge group. Probably not, he told me.

Cohen is not sure they'd understand what the group did after the war. But he said he doesn't regret anything. There needed to be proper revenge, he said. Normal people had to do something to make sure nothing like this ever happened again.

http://www.theworld.org/2013/05 /member-of-a-jewish-holocaustrevenge-squad-tells-story/

[AI Asks: Did you find reading this article informative? Was there something about Jewish vengeance attacks that you didn't know about?]

An anti-Ahmadinejad referendum is shaping up in Tehran as election date approaches By <u>ALI AKBAR DAREINI</u> and <u>Brian Murphy</u> May 4, 2013, 8:43 pm

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — For eight years, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has played the role of global provocateur-in-chief: questioning the Holocaust, saying Israel should be erased from the map and painting UN resolutions as worthless. His provocative style grated inside Iran as well — angering the country's supreme leader to the point of warning the presidency could be abolished.

Now, a race is beginning to choose his successor and it looks like an anti-Ahmadinejad referendum is shaping up. Candidate registration starts Tuesday for the June 14 vote.

Leading candidates assert that they will be responsible stewards, unlike the firebrand Ahmadinejad, who cannot run again because he is limited to two terms. One criticized Ahmadinejad for "controversial but useless" statements. Others even say the country should have a less hostile relationship with the United States.

Comments from the presumed frontrunners lean toward less bombast and more diplomacy. They are apparently backed by a leadership that wants to rehabilitate Iran's renegade image and possibly stabilize relations with the West.

The result however may be more a new tone rather than sweeping policy change. Under Iran's theocratic system, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei wields supreme power, making final decisions on nuclear and military questions. However, the president acts as the public face of the country, traveling the world. A new president might embark on an international image makeover and open the door to less antagonistic relations with Iran's Arab neighbors and the West.

The vote comes at a critical time in Iran, a regional powerhouse with about 75 million people and some of the largest oil reserves in the world. Nuclear talks between Iran and world powers are at an impasse while the Islamic Republic barrels ahead with a uranium enrichment program that many are convinced is intended for atomic weapons. Iran also serves as the key ally of Syria's President Bashar Assad, a mainstay so far helping keep him in power as rebels fight to oust him.

It is also in the middle of an apparent shadow war with Israel. Tehran has

blamed Israel for deadly attacks on its nuclear scientists. Israel in turn has alleged Iranian attack plots on its diplomats or citizens around the world, including one where two Iranians were convicted of planning to attack Israeli, American and other targets in Kenya on Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned repeatedly that Iran must be stopped acquiring nuclear weapons, through use of force if need be.

While polls in Iran are unreliable, the tenor of the candidates' speeches reflects a sense among the public that Ahmadinejad's belligerent stance toward the rest of the world has not helped.

"Ahmadinejad has followed a policy of confrontation. He made a lot of enemies for Iran. What were the results?" asked Tehran taxi driver Namdar Rezaei, 40. "The next government should pursue a policy of easing tensions with the outside world."

All the main candidates — including a top adviser and a former nuclear negotiator — are closely linked to the ruling clerics, since opposition groups have mostly been crushed. They reflect the mood of Khamenei, himself a former

president, who wants nothing more than to end the internal political rifts opened by Ahmadinejad.

On Wednesday, Khamenei told prominent clerics to avoid "divisive" comments during the election. It is the clerics who will select a small group of hopefuls, probably no more than six, for the ballot.

The ultimate goal is to find ways to ease painful Western sanctions that have evicted Iran from international banking networks, brought public complaints over rising prices and cut vital oil exports by more than half. But what still stands in the way is a complicated dance: Maintaining uranium enrichment while addressing Western fears that Iran could move toward atomic weapons — a charge it denies.

For more than two years, Ahmadinejad has openly defied Khamenei in an attempt to expand the authorities of the presidency. The disputes reached a meltdown point in late 2011, when Khamenei's loyalists mounted an impeachment campaign. Khamenei stepped in to call it off, but warned that Iran could one day eliminate the presidency for a system where the parliament picks a prime minister instead.

"This is a chance for Iran to bring a new tone after eight years of Ahmadinejad," said Ehsan Ahrari, a Virginia-based strategic affairs analyst. "There seems to be a real interest in the ruling system to quiet things down."

Of course, Ahmadinejad is not likely sit on the sidelines after he leaves office. He still carries significant populist support across Iran, particularly in rural areas that benefited from aid from his government. Whichever candidate he backs could get an Election Day bump.

He is now trying to push his top adviser and in-law, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei, onto the ballot, but will likely be rejected by the Guardian Council, the group that vets all candidates. Ahmadinejad has been traveling around Iran for weeks, sometimes along with Mashaei.

After the internal political upheavals he triggered, the clerics are expected to stick with safe and loyal candidates, and the candidates know it and are playing to that dynamic.

Tehran's mayor, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, chided Ahmadinejad for "controversial but useless" statements that undermined Iran's international standing.

"Where did the case of the Holocaust take us? We were never

against Judaism. It's a religion. ...
No one could accuse us of being anti-Semitic," he told Iran's Tasnim news agency last month. "But suddenly, without consideration for the results and implications, the issue of the Holocaust was raised. How did this benefit Iran or the Palestinians?"

Another prominent candidate, Ali Akbar Velayati, took a clear shot at Ahmadinejad by saying Iran needs a "principlist" as the next president — meaning a conservative who will not question the authority of Khamenei or the ruling clerics.

Velayati, a senior adviser to Khamenei, has joined in an unusual three-way alliance with Qalibaf and parliament member Gholam Ali Haddad Adel. Each has promised to give key posts to the two others should he win the presidency.

"If we do not succeed, we have to try for another eight years in order to take back the country's management," Velayati said in a February speech in the seminary city of Qom.

Velayati has deferred to Khamenei on any possible overtures to the US But Qalibaf and others suggest they would urge the leadership to remain open for direct talks.

"Confrontation with the US is not a value by itself," Qalibaf said. "At the same time, an alliance with or bowing to the US won't meet our interests, too. These are two extremist views. We should follow a realistic approach. Dialogue (with the US) is not a taboo." Mohsen Rezaei, a former chief of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard chief who is seeking another chance at the presidency after losing four years ago, says only that he favors a "win-win

"That means we won't lose and they (West) won't think Iran is a threat to the world," he said.

dialogue."

And candidate Hasan Rowhani, Iran's former nuclear negotiator and Khamenei's top national security representative, also disparaged Ahmadinejad's grandstanding style, saying Iran needs a "government of prudence."

Another candidate, former Interior Minister Mostafa Pourmohammadi, said even restoring diplomatic ties with Washington is not out of the question as long as Iranian "interests are ensured." "I believe there is no need for Iran to be

"I believe there is no need for Iran to be at war with the US forever," he said. "Iran has the capacity to protect and ensure its national interests while having ties with the U.S."

Ahmadinejad foe Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former president, appears unlikely to make one last presidential run, despite speculation to the contrary. The official IRNA news agency quoted Rowhani on Wednesday saying the 78-year-old Rafsanjani "will definitely not" be a candidate.

However, Rafsanjani still wields considerable clout, and his endorsement will carry weight. Earlier this week, Rafsanjani urged his nation to lower tensions with Iran's archenemy Israel, which is considering military action over Tehran's nuclear program.

"We are not at war with Israel," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying by several Iranian newspapers, including the pro-reform Shargh daily. He said Iran would not initiate war against Israel, but "if Arab nations wage a war, then we would help."

Ahmadindejad's role in this election stands in sharp contrast to the last, where he was front and center and backed by the clerics. Accusations that his re-election was clumsily rigged by a clerical establishment panicked by the possibility of reformers coming to power led to massive demonstrations and reprisals spanning weeks, the most serious unrest in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution itself.



Iranian presidential hopeful, Ali Akbar Velayati, adviser to the Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, left, talks with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, (photo credit: AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

The election was so contentious that the two main opposition leaders of 2009, Mir Hossein Mousavi and cleric Mahdi Karroubi, remain under house arrest. The remnants of the opposition appear increasingly unlikely to persuade their one major hope, former President Mohammad Khatami, not to seek a comeback run. That leaves them with the choice of boycotting the vote or picking from an establishment-friendly lineup.

While this election is unlikely to spark the same fireworks, a desire for change

"Why shouldn't we be in good terms with the outside world? Why tensions at

home and abroad?" asked 35-year-old real estate agent Shahram Rashidi in Tehran. "That's why we really need a totally different president this time." Copyright 2013 The Associated Press.

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Remember – infiltration & by way of deception... and another insider job on the way?

Israeli team to bring hard-earned post-trauma expertise to Boston Israel Trauma Coalition partners with local Jewish federation to help develop 'recovery process' for Watertown schools

By Haviv Rettig Gur May 3, 2013, 9:30 pm

NEW YORK – A team from the Israel Trauma Coalition, an association of Israeli agencies specializing in post-trauma resilience, will be arriving in the Boston suburb of Watertown next week to help develop "a recovery process" for the local school system.

Watertown, a village of some 32,000 residents, was the epicenter of the manhunt April 19 that killed one suspected Boston Marathon bomber and captured another. The manhunt forced the shuttering of much of the area, with residents told to stay indoors and businesses and schools closed for over a day as state and local police, together with federal forces, pursued the two suspects through the streets of Cambridge and Watertown.



A woman carries a girl from their home as a SWAT team searching for a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings enters the building in Watertown, Mass., Friday, April 19, 2013. (photo credit: AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

"The events of a few weeks ago left us reeling and wanting to do whatever we could to help out," wrote Barry Shrage president of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, the Boston Jewish federation which arranged the connection between Watertown and the ITC — in a letter to federation staff on Thursday. "Our partners in Israel, who are all too familiar with the fear and anxiety of the aftermath of terrorist attacks, reached out to us with support, making the collaboration with the ITC possible."

On Sunday, a team from the ITC will arrive in Boston and begin work with

Watertown school district administrators, staff, community groups, and parents "to create a coordinated coping and recovery process that will be offered to the entire community," Shrage said.

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They will run sessions with local officials focused on key elements of postdisaster resilience: "what reactions parents should expect from their children, and how to respond to their questions; clinical training to student service staff to help them guide students recovery; through trauma administrators can triage, plan and roll out trauma-based community events; methods of creating a safe environment at school and at home where children can express themselves," according to a federation statement explaining the visit

The team will also work directly with state and local mental health officials, with Massachusetts together the Department of Mental Health and Department of Public Health, as well as the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. They will deliver a workshop for mental health clinicians in Westborough, a town about 30 minutes out of Boston, focusing on techniques for working with populations impacted by disaster and "the importance of selfcare and resilience for individuals and communities following a disaster," according to the statement.

The team is also slated to hold a session in Boston next week that will include clergy and community leaders and will focus on the impact of terror on immigrant populations.

"The ITC training model empowers the local infrastructure to support a

maximum number of those in need using existing local resources, contributing to the development of the community's resilience, and setting up a support system that will remain in place long after the program has ended," the federation said.

While the federation made a \$100,000 contribution to The One Fund, the official fund established by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to help victims of the marathon bombing, the Jewish community has been looking for more ways to be helpful, according to the federation's Shrage.

Then "our Israeli friends called. They were saying, 'You came to us when we had trouble.' We were there when there were bomb attacks. We were in Sderot many times, [in Haifa] during the [Carmel forest] fire. And they said, 'How can we be there for you?' There was a feeling in Israel that, at this point, the American Jewish community needed help and they wanted to be helpful. And I thought, 'that's such a beautiful thing.'"

The Boston federation had received an offer of help from the Israel Trauma Coalition in the days immediately following the marathon bombing, but the Jewish community "couldn't quite figure out where it all fit in."



Barry Shrage: Our Israeli friends called and said 'How can we be there for you?' - photo credit: YouTube screenshot

After the events in Watertown, said Shrage, "it made me think of what the kids in Sderot go through all the time, and other places where ITC had been effective."

ITC's help, Shrage said, "is a more personal way for Israel and the Jewish community to be helpful. We have some unfortunately special expertise" that can be brought to bear. The entire cost of

the initiative, at roughly \$75,000, is being covered by the federation.

The team is slated to remain in Boston for the week, but could extend its stay if additional towns or groups ask for its help. Already "a couple of other [bodies]

have asked, and are talking about how to use them," said Shrage.

http://www.timesofisrael.com/isra eli-team-to-bring-hard-earned-posttrauma-expertise-to-boston/

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Paul - surely this one will not give offence.

By now, Holocaust believers must be well adapted to at least a modicum of valid criticism of their claims, which you must admit, as has Yad Vashem, do not always ring true, adding that most "eyewitness" stories in their voluminous files were self-serving fantasy!

Yad Vashem, after decades of stoutly defending the claim that 4 million died at Auschwitz, also conceded error by adjusting the official figure to 1 million, although the Six Million total, defying arithmetic and logic, miraculously, endures.

It's only through free discussion and unhindered research that we shall be able to separate truth from fiction, especially where powerful vested interests are involved.

Conscientious editors therefore should opt for exposure, not concealment.

Mere mention that third parties deny the lurid claims should not be construed in itself as "Holocaust denial" - which is not to suggest that all "hateful" opinions or facts deserve to be suppressed. Audi alteram partem is a well-founded precept in courts of law.

It should be observed equally where editors sit in judgement.

Ian

April 25, 2013
Editor
NATIONAL POST
Toronto
Dear Sir,
Re: Ottawa approves Holocaust
memorial (NP April 24, 2013)

The idea of combining an Ottawa Holocaust Memorial with the planned new War Museum, was raised a decade ago but despite frenetic lobbying, was dropped when spokesmen for Canadian Veterans denounced the plan on the grounds that the purported murder of Six Million East European Jews was not relevant to any aspect of Canada's military history and would confuse visitors to the Museum (to say nothing of stealing the limelight). As a

consolation, a relatively innocuous Holocaust display was mounted on the route to the main exhibits.

Now, with the guileless, pro-Israel Harper Government in power, the Holocaust Lobby has achieved its original goal, in fact gone far beyond it by obtaining official permission and taxpayers' money to construct their own separate building - across the street from the War Museum where it will vy for attention from the public, with the persuasive advantage of lurid images and Hollywood mind-conditioning against which the relatively mundane Canadian museum will have great difficulty to compete.

According to Ian MacLeod's report (NP April 24) quoting Tim Uppal, the sponsor and Federal Minister responsible, "the Monument will encourage people to reflect upon the events of the Holocaust, remember the victims, and pay tribute to the survivors". Why this non-Canadian monument should occupy valuable Federal land, financed largely by Canadian Christian taxpayers, at the behest of a small, unrepresentative, self-serving, unassimilated minority, whose primary loyalty is to the UNdefying apartheid state of Israel that has desecrated the Christian Holy Land, he does not explain. Nor does he explain the need for further publicizing of the alleged fate of the Jews in WWII after 60 years of intensive propagandizing and censorship in all branches of the media and introduction of the Holocaust as essential study in the education system, a sinister concession made to no other foreign political action group. Compounding the problematical plan is

the controversy that has raged for decades over the confinement of media coverage mainly to the Jewish "Holocaust" while other communities, notably Christians under Stalin's genocidal, Jewish Kommissars, and German civilians under Allied terror bombing - a genuine holocaust - are virtually ignored although their losses were far greater, even if the Six Million figure were accepted. It is worth noting that an international fraternity of

scholarly sceptics has demonstrated convincingly from forensic and demographic research that Jewish losses were in fact no more than a fraction of the number claimed, and caused mostly by disease and malnutrition, ironically the result of Allied bombing that cut off food supplies.

The most disconcerting aspect of the Holocaust Monument plan is the striking anomaly that the majority of those to be commemorated unabashedly worked for the German war effort, very large numbers as privileged "essential labour" in munitions factories where they treacherously helped to prolong the war and maximize the number of Canadian casualties. Canadian servicemen who gave their lives to "liberate" the Jews would spin in their graves were they to wake up to this reality, and the dwindling sentient Veterans' community would be no less offended. One can only hope that Veterans organizations and Veterans Affairs Canada will once again rise to the occasion and block this latest nefarious, obnoxious scheme. As ever.

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